

23 May 1949

Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner  
Deputy Chief of Counsel for War Crimes  
Political Ministries Division  
APO 696A c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Kempner:

You have been so kind in the past in providing us with information that I am taking the liberty of asking whether any items along the following lines could be furnished from the files of the War Crimes Counsel. These items all pertain to reports or interrogations relating to German experiments on prisoners during the war:

- (a) Production of sterility by massive doses of X ray.
- (b) Production of sterility by other means.
- (c) Alteration sex ratio in children by any means.

The name of Dr. Boris Rajewski, Institute of Physical Elements of Medicine, University of Frankfurt a/Main has been mentioned in this connection.

Thank you very much for any material which you may be able to furnish on these subjects.

Nazi/Japanese War Crimes Task Force  
review completed

Very sincerely yours,

Signed & dispatched 5/23/49

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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Memo for Record: Based on Memo to DCI from AD/OSI, 5/20/49, ER O-4617, original attached; cc retained by DCI.

ER O-4897 - Kempner Ltr dtd 4 June 1949 "This is just to confirm your letter of May 23 concerning sterilization experiments. I think I can give you some good leads in the near future. signed" Sent to CR 6/8/49. *via 051*

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Director of Central Intelligence

20 May 1949

Assistant Director, OSI

1. Request that communication be established with War Crimes Commission with request for search their files for reports or interrogations relating to German experiments on prisoners during war. Experiments were of following character:

- a. Production of sterility by massive doses of X ray.
- b. Production of sterility by other means.
- c. Alteration sex ratio in children by any means.

2. The name of Dr. Boris Rajewski, Institute of Physical Elements of Medicine, University of Frankfurt a/Main has been mentioned in this connection.

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27 May 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISCUSSION WITH DCI

1. Large number of captured documents relating to German activities with respect to methods of psychological handling of prisoners and slave labor are known to be in the archives of the War Crimes Commission, Nurnburg. In addition, there is evidence that information may have found its way there dealing with certain aspects of experiments with biologic and chemical warfare as well as radiation.

2. A team from CIA reviewed a large number of repositories of captured documents but was unable to make a survey of the material at Nurnburg because of the dispersion of the acquisitions in numerous repositories, the absence of a central locator system and the incomplete cataloging in the individual repositories.

It is believed that much intelligence information of great value to CIA both from the substantive and other points of view exists in these files and it is requested that consideration be given to the initiation of arrangements for reconnaissance survey of the repositories with later intent of acquisition of selected materials not now required by the War Crimes Commission.

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